

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

CLAIMS:

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A radio telephone including a rechargeable power supply and having coupling means for connecting to a charging unit for charging the rechargeable power supply, the radio telephone comprising sensing means associated with the coupling means and operable to sense the absence or the presence of the charging unit being connected to the radio telephone, and inhibiting means configured to be responsive to the sensing means in such a manner that when the sensing means senses absence of the charging unit the inhibiting means automatically inhibits operation of the radio telephone.

13. (Previously Presented) A radio telephone according to claim 12, wherein the sensor and the inhibiting means are operative for a power on mode of the radio telephone.

14. (Previously Presented) A radio telephone according to claim 12, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit access to information stored in the radio telephone.

15. (Previously Presented) A radio telephone according to claim 12, wherein the inhibiting mean is adapted to inhibit making an outgoing call from a radio telephone.

16. (Previously Presented) A radio telephone according to claim 12, further comprising a memory means for storing subscriber identity information, wherein the inhibiting means is adapted to inhibit access to subscriber identity information stored in the memory means.

17. (Previously Presented) A radio telephone according to claim 12, wherein the sensor is adapted to sense a charging voltage for charging the rechargeable power supply of the radio telephone.

18. (Previously Presented) A radio telephone according to claim 12, wherein operation of the radio telephone is restorable responsive to a security code input to the radio telephone.

19. (Currently Amended) A method for inhibiting unauthorized use of a radio telephone comprising the steps of sensing at the radio telephone whether the radio telephone is coupled to a charging device and automatically inhibiting operation of the radio telephone responsive to sensing absence of the charging device.

20.(New) The method of claim 19, wherein automatically inhibited operation is operative for a power on mode of the radio telephone.

21.(New) The method of claim 19, wherein automatically inhibiting operation comprises particularly inhibiting access to information stored in the radio telephone.

22.(New) The method of claim 19, wherein automatically inhibiting operation comprises particularly inhibiting making an outgoing call from a radio telephone.

23.(New) The method of claim 19, wherein automatically inhibiting operation comprises particularly inhibiting access to subscriber identity information stored in the radio telephone.

24.(New) The method of claim 19, further comprising:
responsive to a security code input to the radio telephone, restoring the automatically inhibited operation.